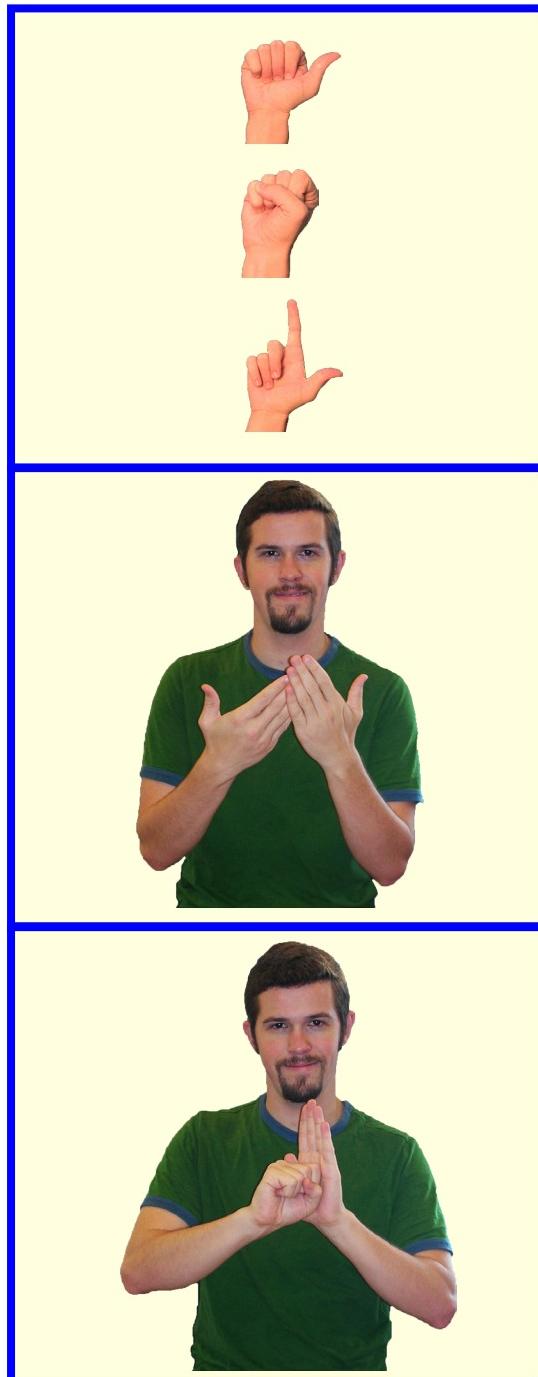


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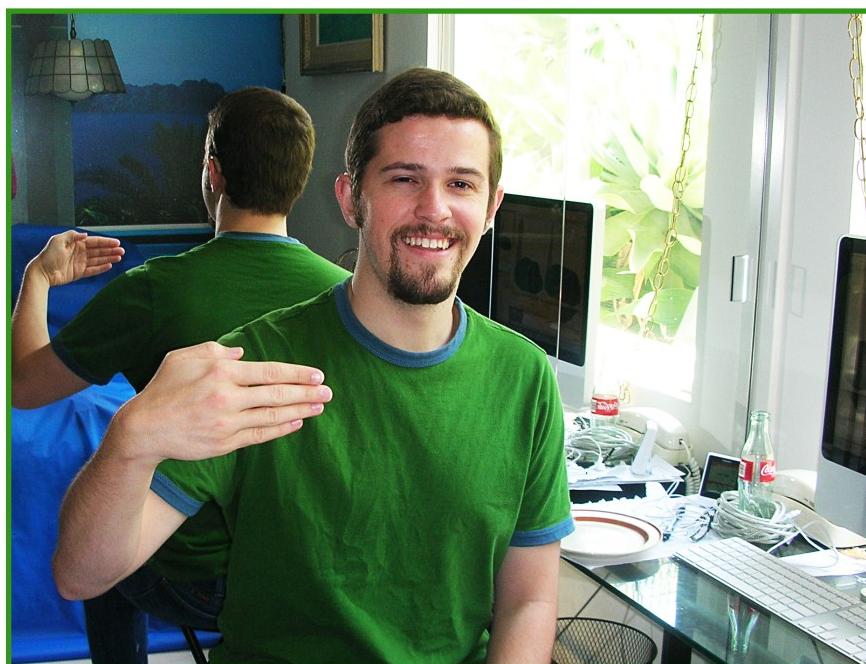


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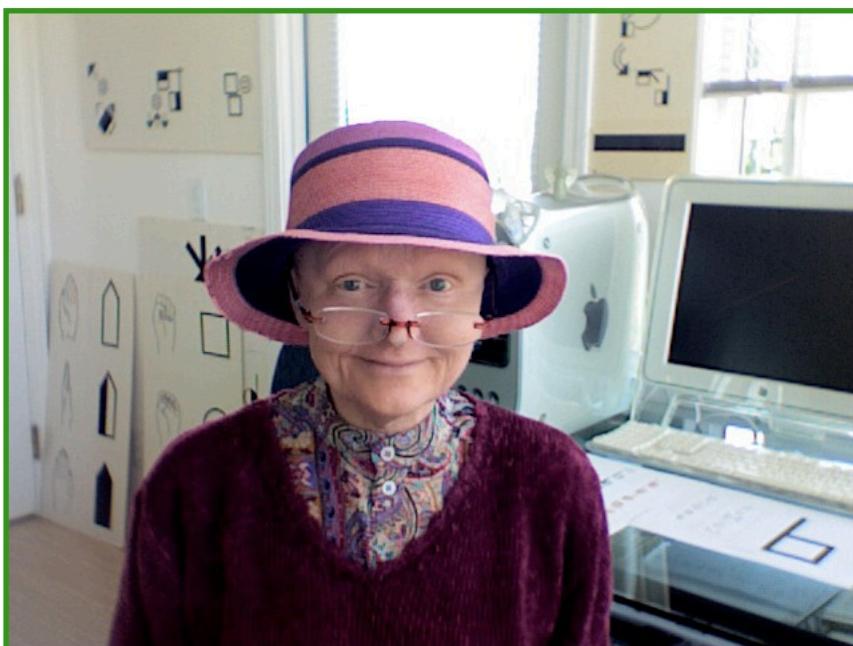
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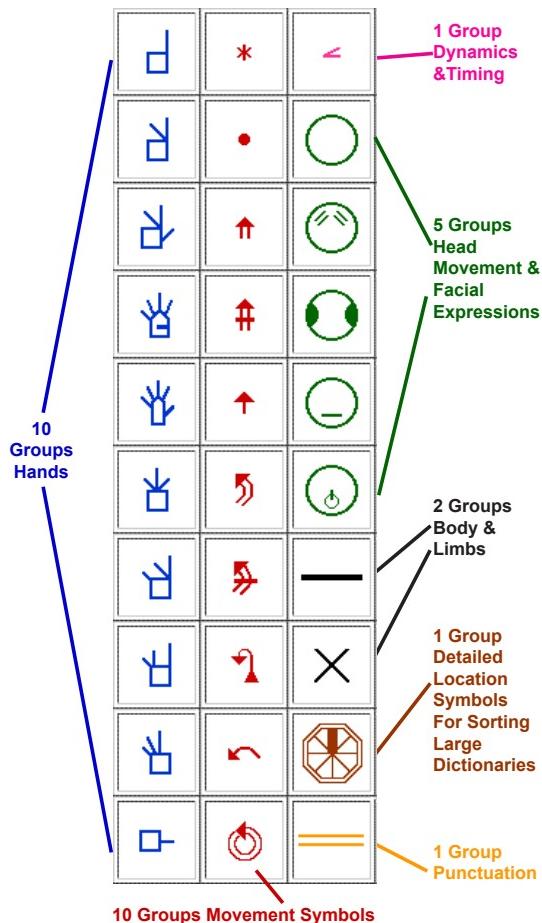
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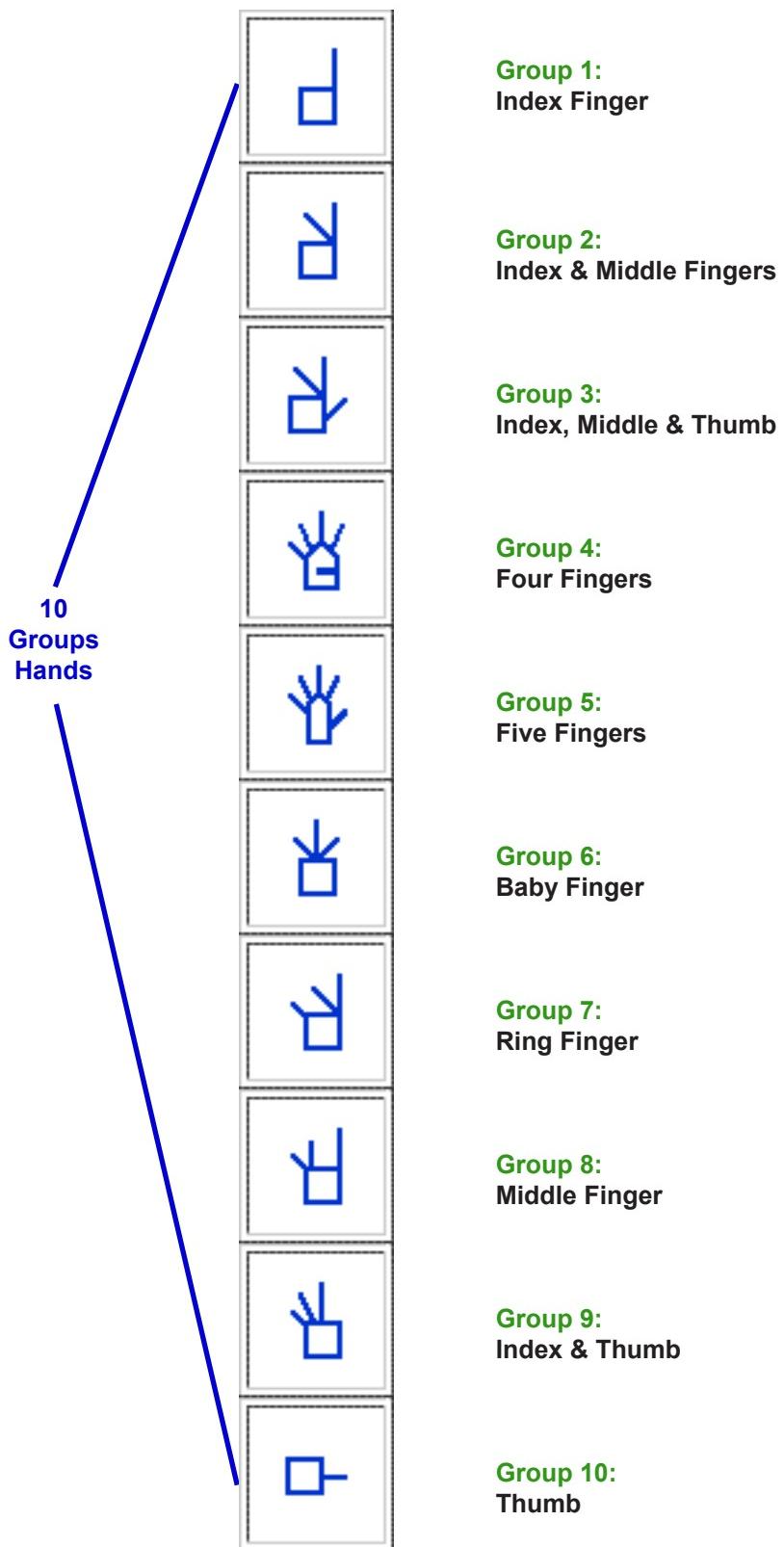
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Expressive Front View

Signs are written from the signer's expressive viewpoint. Imagine standing BEHIND the signer, copying what the signer does and feels.



Palm of Hand

The palm of the hand is written with a white or hollow symbol.

Front View

Parallel with Wall Plane

The hand is parallel to the Front Wall. The white symbol shows that the palm faces towards your body, towards the reader.



Side of Hand

The side of the hand is written with a symbol that is half-white and half-dark. The half-white section shows the direction of the palm. The half-dark section represents the back of the hand.

Front View

Parallel with Wall Plane

The hand is parallel to the Front Wall. The thumb of the hand faces towards your body.



Back of Hand

The back of the hand is written with a black or filled-in symbol.

Front View

Parallel with Wall Plane

The hand is parallel to the Front Wall. The black symbol shows that the back of the hand faces towards your body.

Expressive Top View

Signs are written from the signer's expressive viewpoint. Imagine looking down on the position of the signer, from a bird's eye view.



Palm of Hand

Top View

Parallel with Floor Plane

The hand is parallel to the floor. You are looking down at your palm from overhead. The white symbol has a space at the knuckle joint representing the Horizon Line. A hand symbol with the Horizon Line crossing over the knuckles means the hand is "parallel with the floor" read from the Top View.



Side of Hand

Top View

Parallel with Floor Plane

The hand is parallel to the floor. You are looking down at the side of your hand (your thumb) from overhead. The hand symbol has a space at the knuckle joint representing the Horizon Line. A hand symbol with the Horizon Line crossing over the knuckles means the hand is "parallel with the floor" read from the Top View.



Back of Hand

Top View

Parallel with Floor Plane

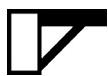
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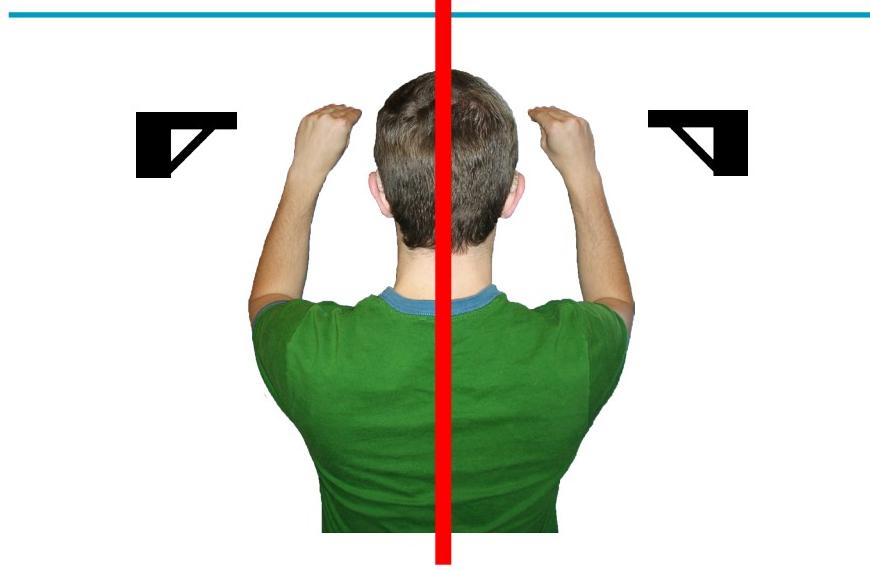
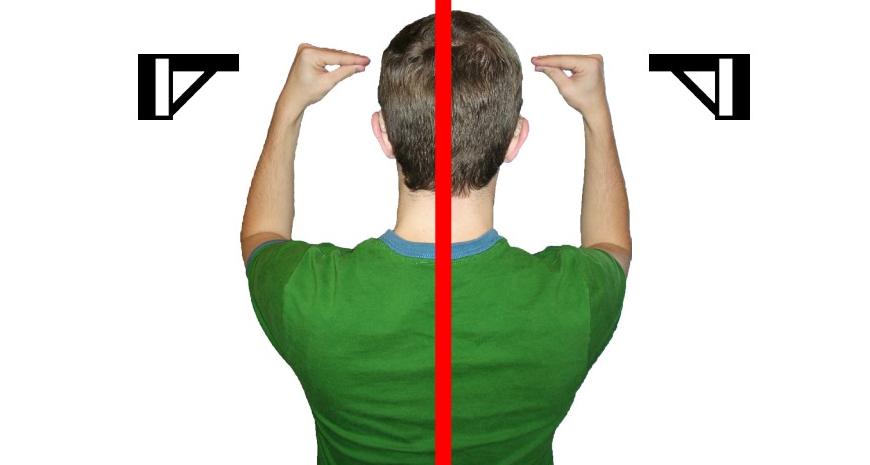
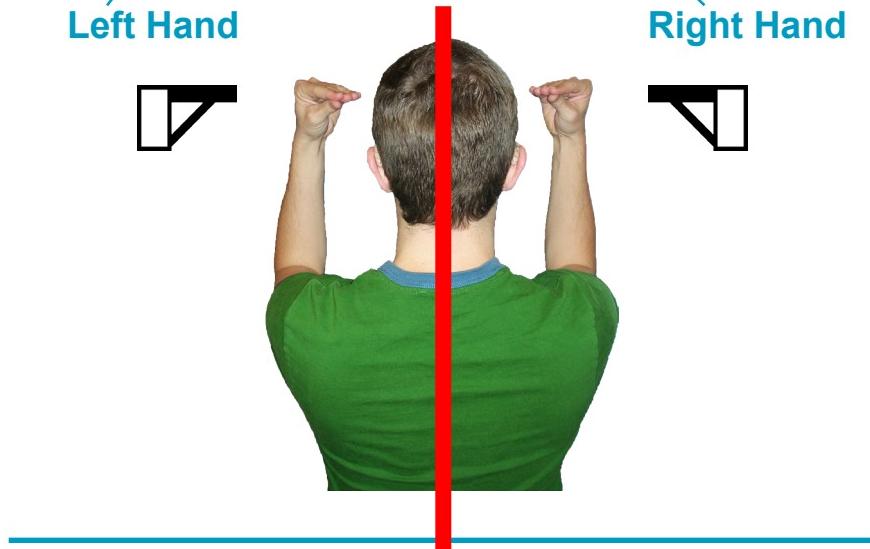
Hands Relate to Center

In the International SignWriting Alphabet, all hand symbols are designed to relate to the Center of the Body. Imagine a Center Line going down the center of your body. The **Majority of Action Fingers** are directed towards the center. Left hands are written to the left of the Center Line. Right hands are written to the right of the Center Line.

Left Hand



Right Hand



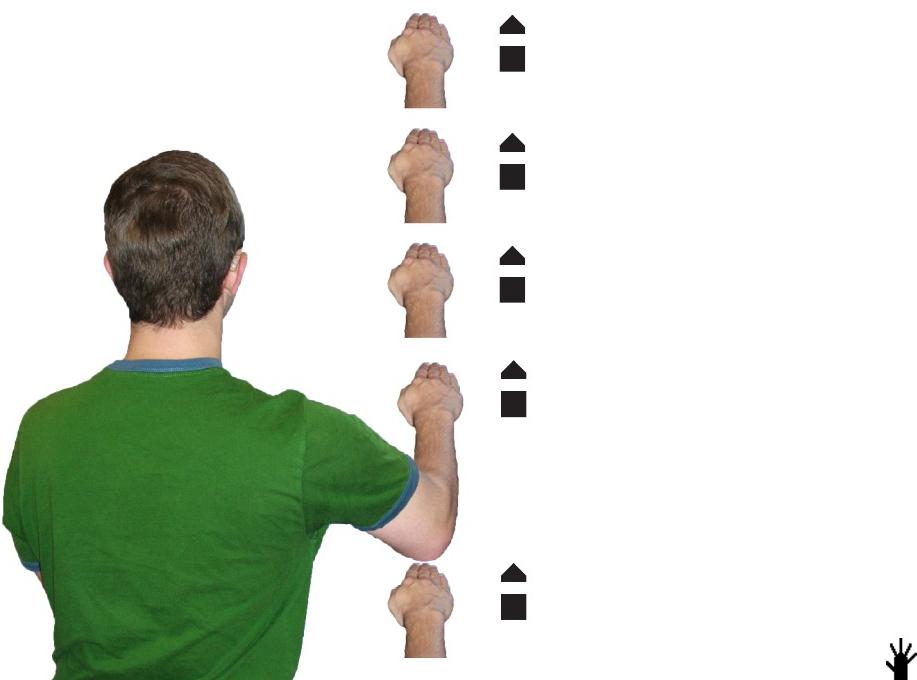
The Wall Plane

Hand symbols parallel to the Front Wall look the same whether they are far from the chest, close to or touching the chest, or behind the body. You can FEEL the position of the palm facing. It remains the same symbol no matter how close or far it is.



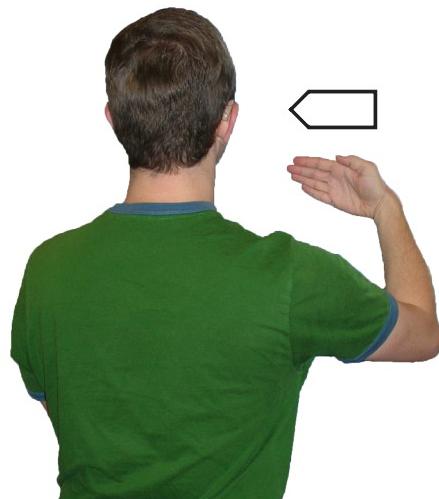
The Floor Plane

Hand symbols parallel to the Floor look the same whether they are high above the head, in the middle in front of your chest, or low at hip level. You can FEEL the position of the palm facing. It remains the same symbol no matter how high or low it is.



Hands Pointing to the Side

Hand symbols with the fingers pointing to the side can be written from the Front View, parallel to the Front Wall Plane, or from the Top View, parallel to the Floor Plane. Both symbols are correct, since side-to-side can be seen from the Front View or the Top View. Choose to write the simpler symbols seen from the Front View, parallel to the Front Wall, since they are less complicated for quick reading:



Choose the Front View

The Front View writes the palm of the hand with a white or hollow symbol.

Front View Is Easier to Read

When the fingers point to the side wall, it is best to write the symbol parallel to the Front Wall because the symbol is easier to read.

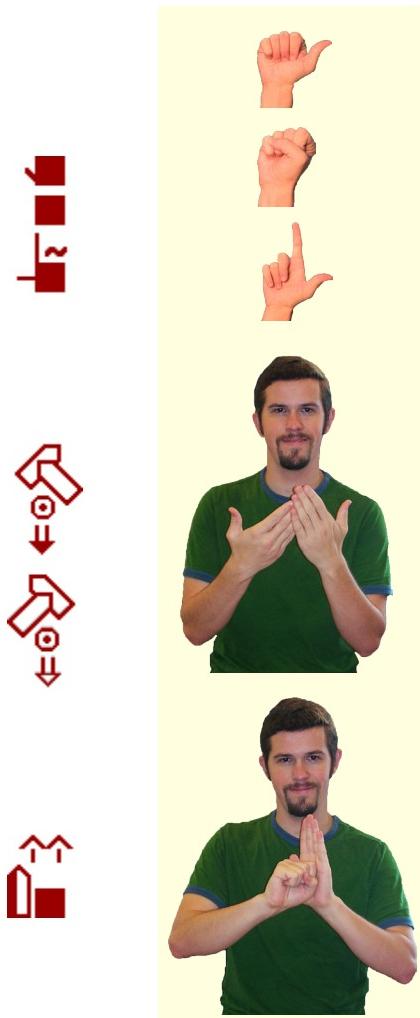


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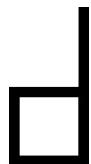
The Top View of the hand is written with a half-white half-dark symbol with the Horizon Line across the knuckles.

Top View Is Harder to Read

When the fingers point to the side wall, it is correct to write the symbol parallel to the Floor, but it is harder to read and therefore not recommended.



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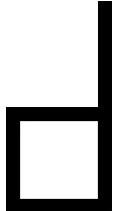
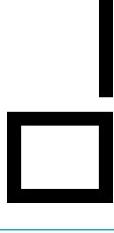
All Hands With One Action Finger:

The Index Finger



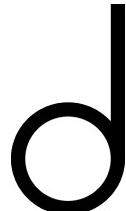
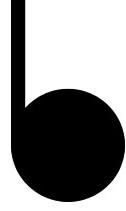
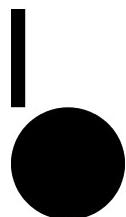
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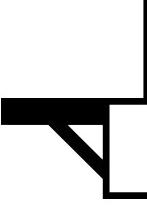
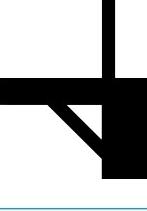
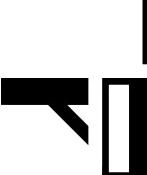
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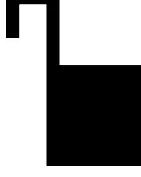
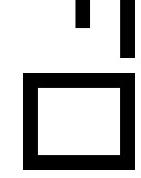
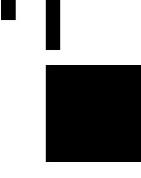
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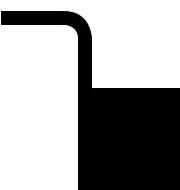
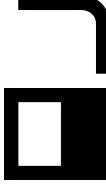
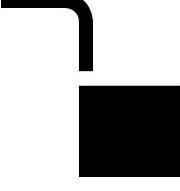
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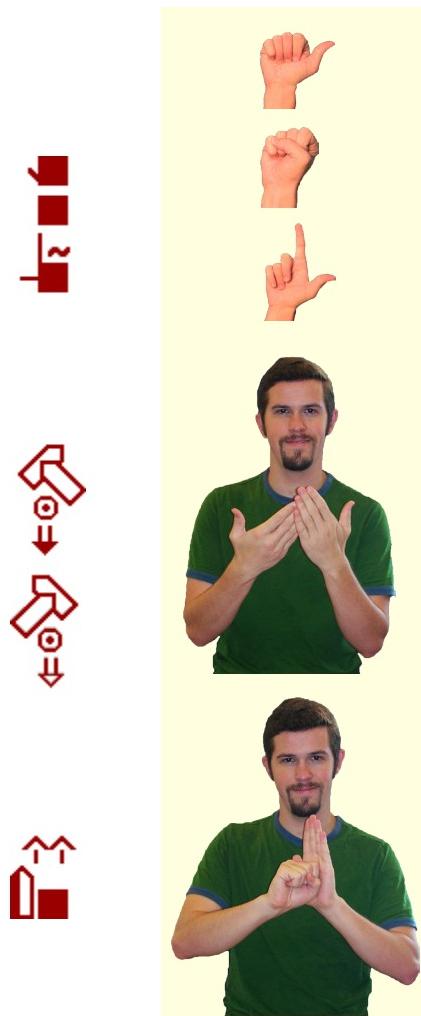
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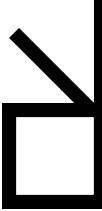
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All Hands With Two Action Fingers:
Index Finger & Middle Finger



Index Middle

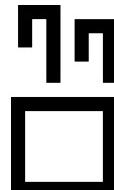
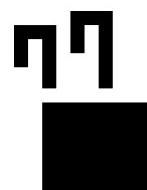
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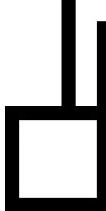
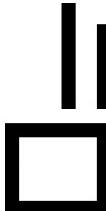
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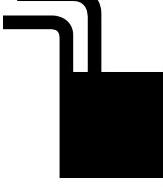
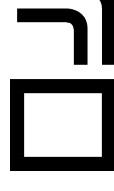
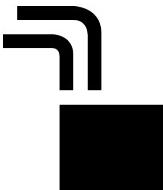
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Index Middle Unit, Cup

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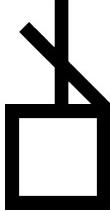
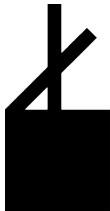
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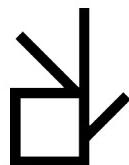
Finger Direction Is Meaningful

Two ways to write the same position: The Top View of the Back of the Hand can be written at a slant. Some writers feel this looks more like real life, because the fingers are directed down.

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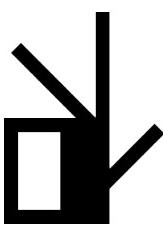
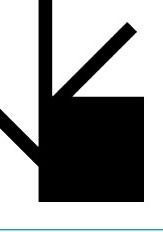
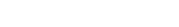
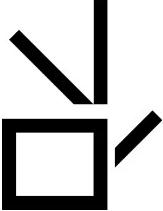
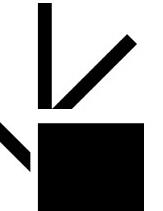
Group 3: Index Middle Thumb

All Hands With Three Action Fingers:

Index Finger, Middle Finger & Thumb

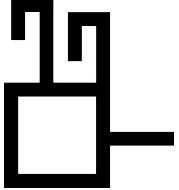
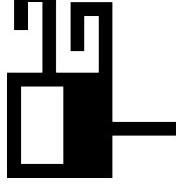
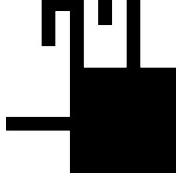
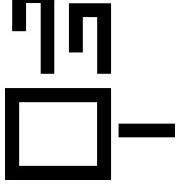
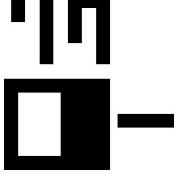
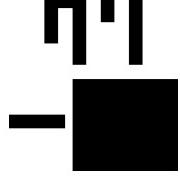
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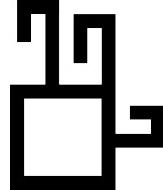
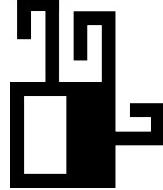
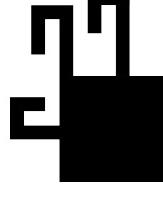
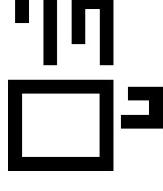
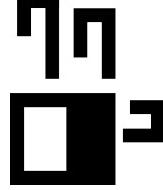
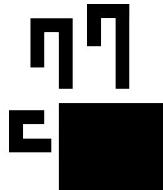
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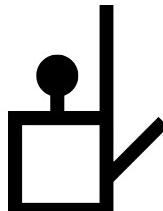
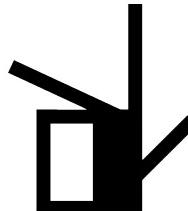
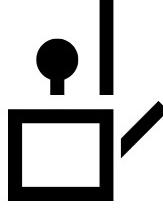
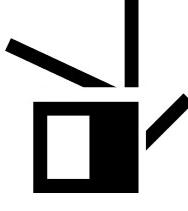
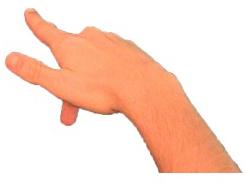
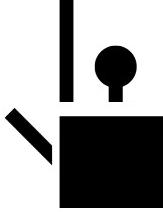
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Index Up, Middle Hinge, Thumb Side

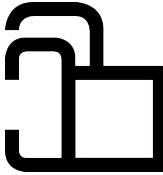
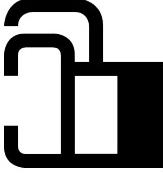
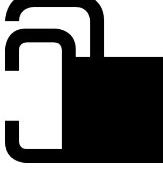
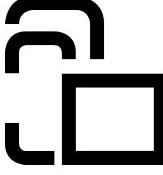
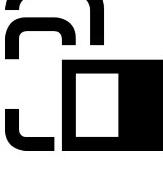
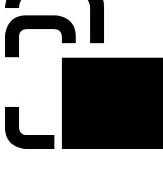
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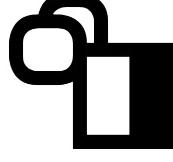
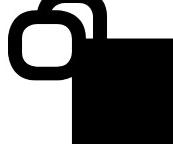
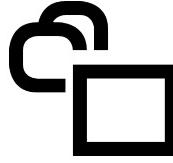
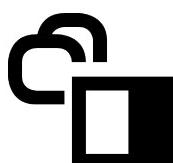
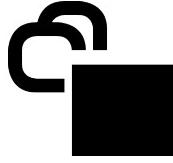
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Index Middle Thumb Circle

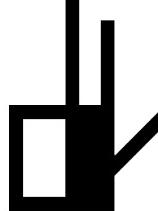
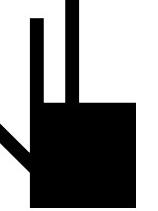
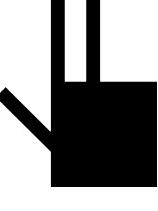
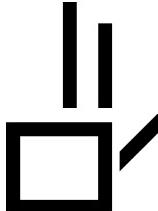
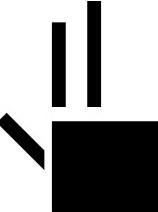
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Index Middle Unit, Thumb Side

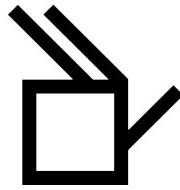
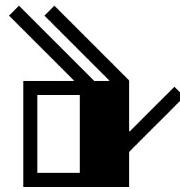
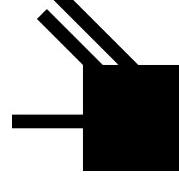
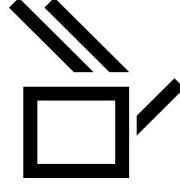
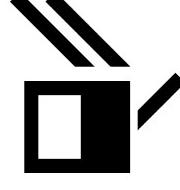
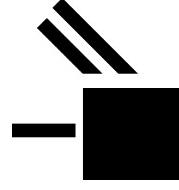
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Index Middle Unit Hinge, Thumb Side

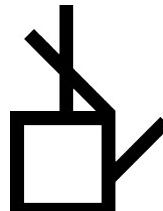
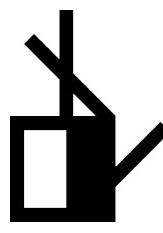
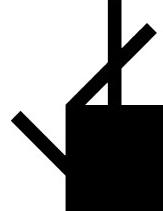
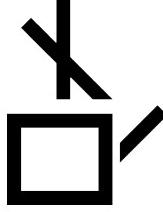
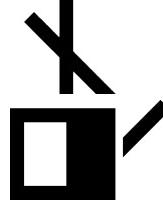
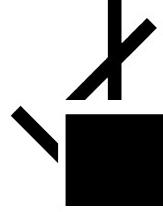
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Index Middle Cross, Thumb Side

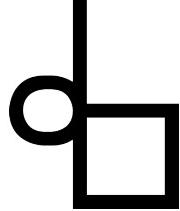
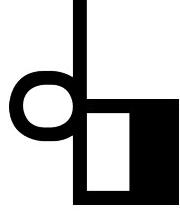
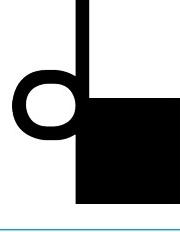
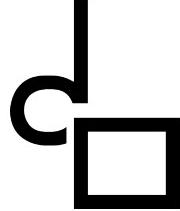
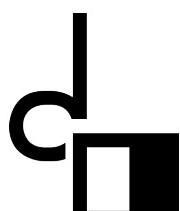
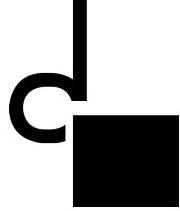
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|  |  | Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane |



Middle Thumb Circle, Index Up

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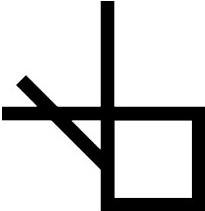
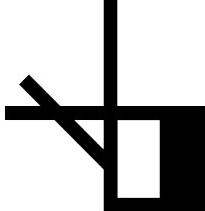
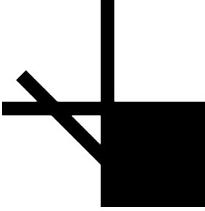
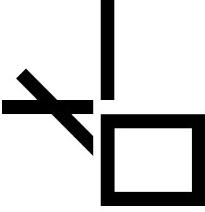
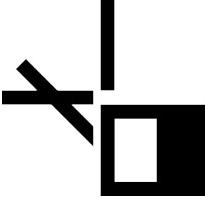
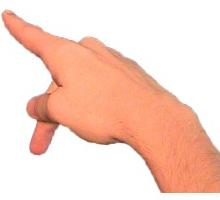
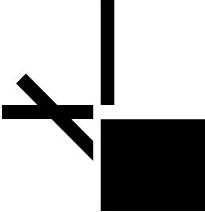
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Middle Thumb Angle Out, Index Up

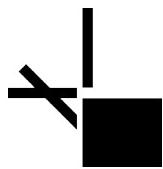
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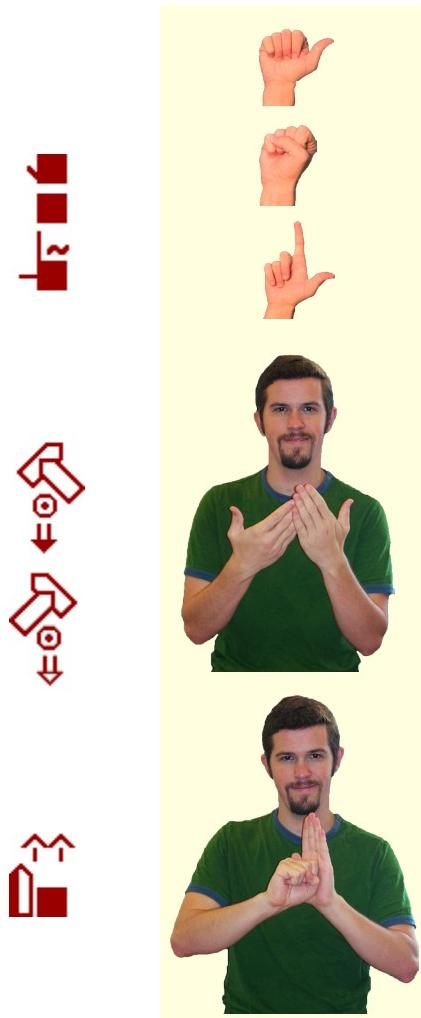


Finger Direction Is Meaningful

Different ways to write the same position: The Top View of the Back of the Hand can be written at a slant. Some writers feel this looks more like real life because the fingers are directed down.

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Chapter 4



Group 4: Four Fingers

All Hands With Four Action Fingers:
Thumb Must Be Across Palm



Four Fingers Spread

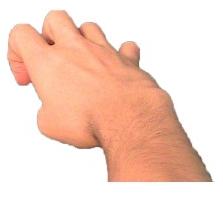
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| | | Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane |
| | | Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane |



Four Fingers Spread Bent

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Four Fingers Unit

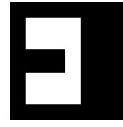
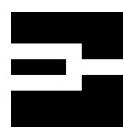
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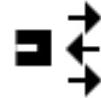
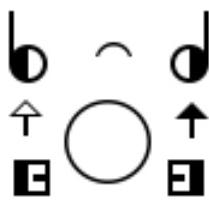
Four Fingers Unit Bent

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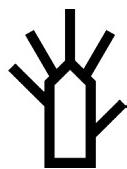


Some Signs Using Group 4





Chapter 5



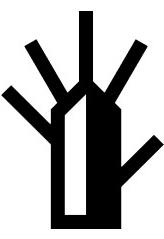
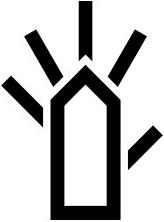
Group 5: Five Fingers

All Hands With Five Action Fingers:
5 Fingers Spread or Together



Five Fingers Spread

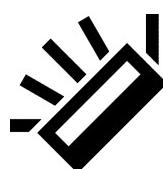
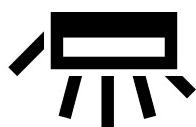
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Five Fingers Spread Heel

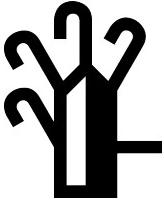
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|  |  | Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |
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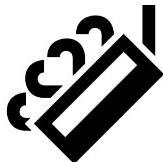
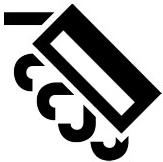
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Five Fingers Spread, Four Bent Heel

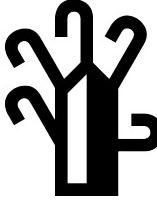
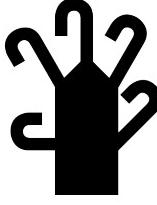
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Five Fingers Spread Bent

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|  |  | Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane |



Five Fingers Spread, Bent Heel

01-05-006

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|  |  | Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Palm Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |



Five Fingers Spread Cup

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Five Fingers Spread Cup Open

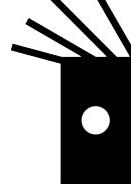
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|  |  | Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane |



Five Fingers Spread, Hinge

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Flat Hand

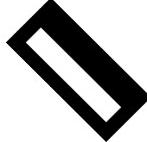
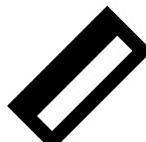
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Flat Heel

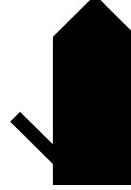
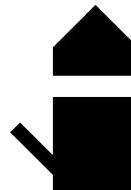
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|  |  | Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |
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Flat, Thumb Side

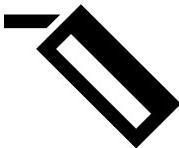
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Flat, Thumb Side Heel

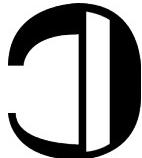
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Cup

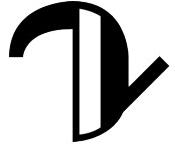
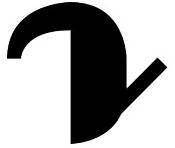
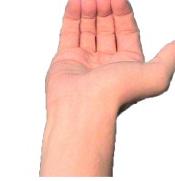
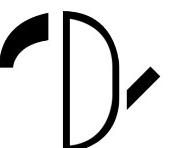
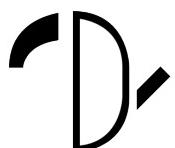
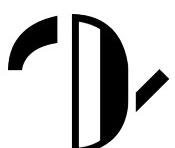
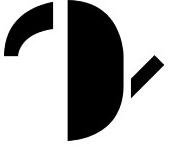
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Cup Thumb Side

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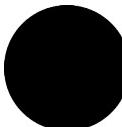
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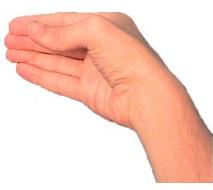
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Hinge

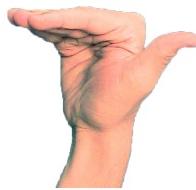
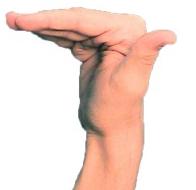
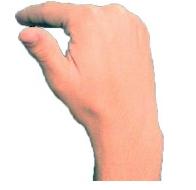
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Hinge, Thumb Side

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Hinge, No Thumb

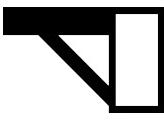
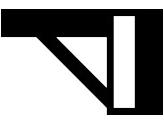
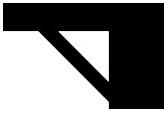
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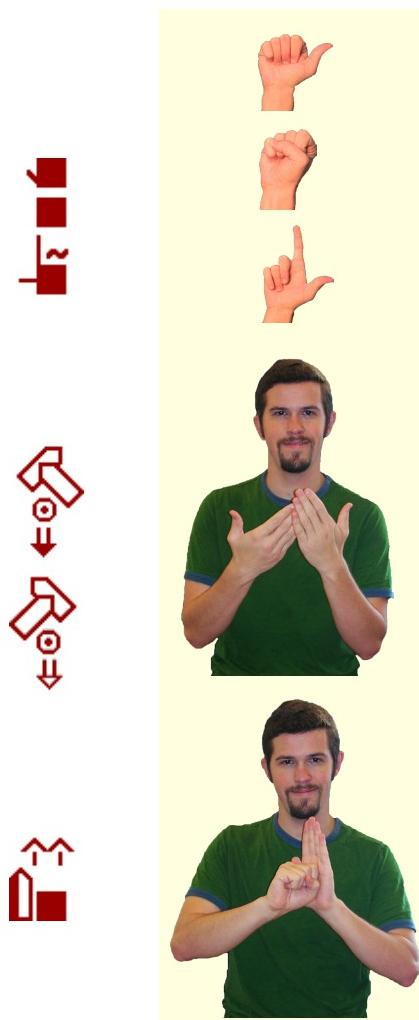
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|  |  | Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane |



Angle

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Chapter 6



Group 6: Baby Finger

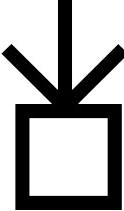
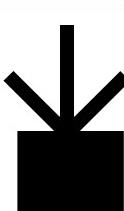
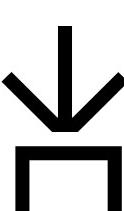
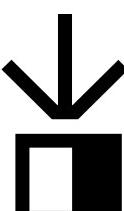
Hands That Focus on the Little Finger

Little Finger Down or Up



Index Middle Ring

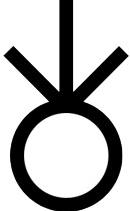
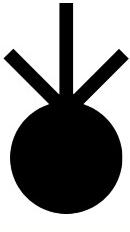
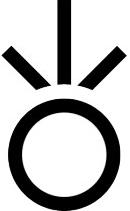
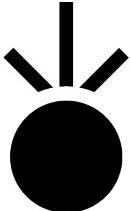
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Index Middle Ring on Circle

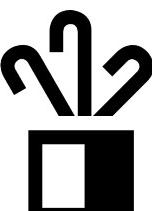
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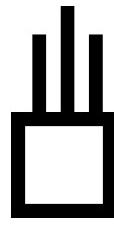
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Index Middle Ring, Unit

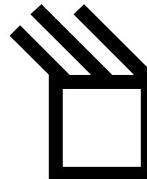
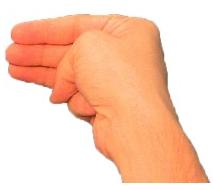
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Index Middle Ring, Unit Hinge

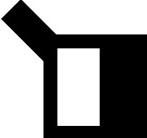
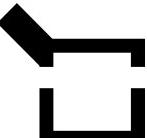
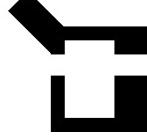
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Baby Up

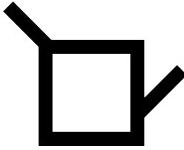
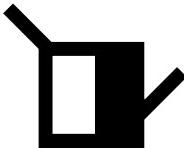
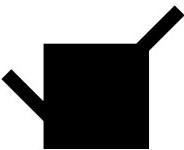
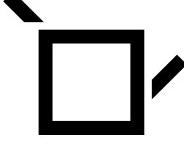
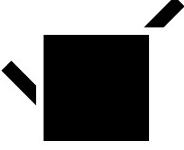
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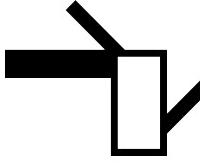
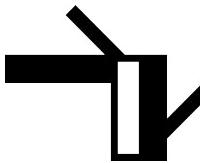
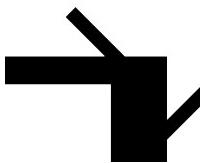
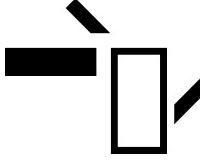
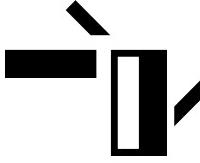
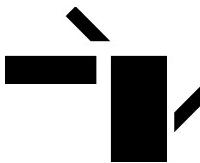
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Baby Thumb on Hinge

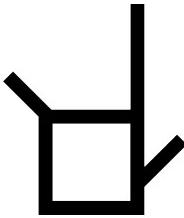
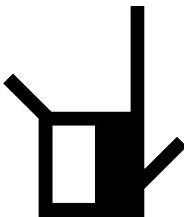
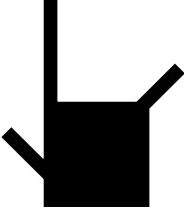
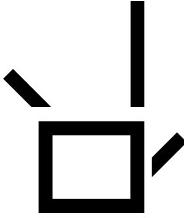
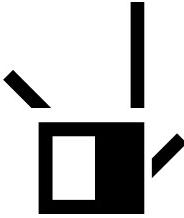
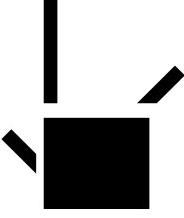
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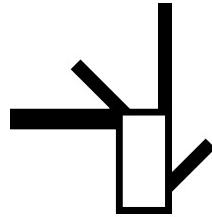
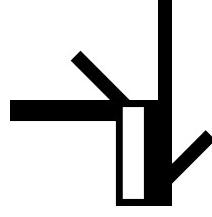
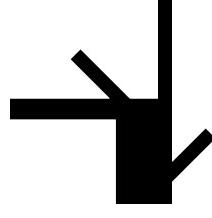
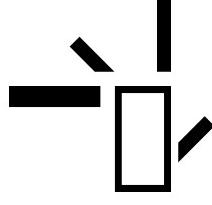
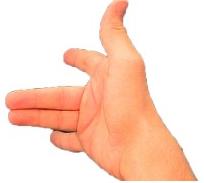
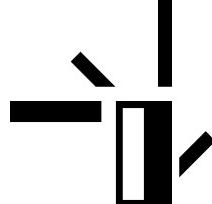
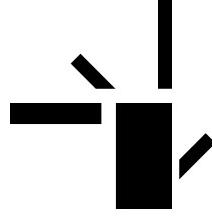
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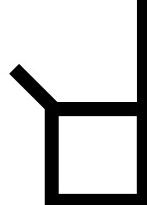
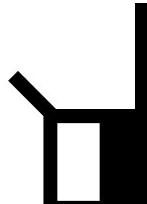
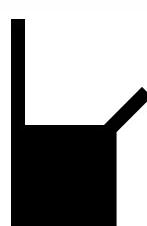
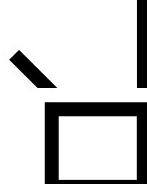
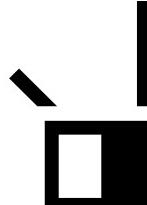
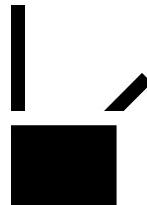
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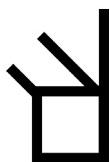
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Chapter 7



Group 7: Ring Finger

Hands That Focus on the Ring Finger

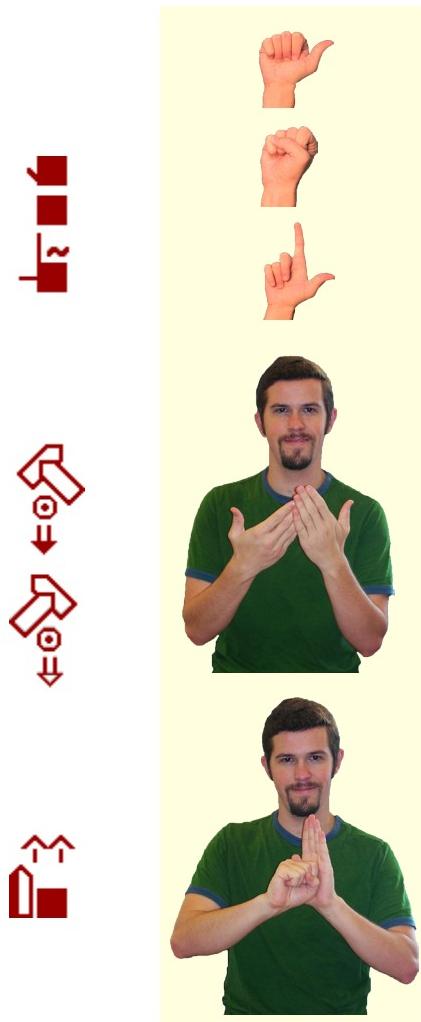
Ring Finger Down or Up



Index Middle Baby on Circle

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Chapter 8



Group 8: Middle Finger

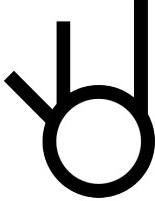
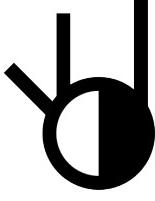
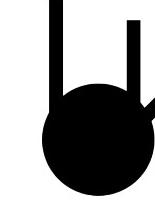
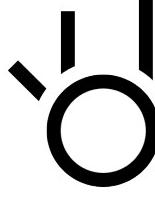
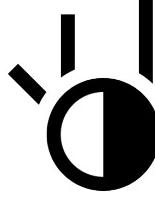
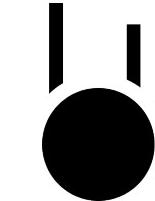
Hands That Focus on the Middle Finger

Middle Finger Down or Up



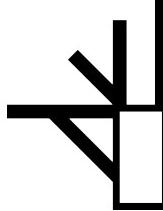
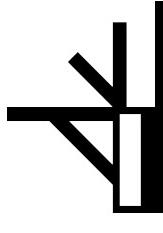
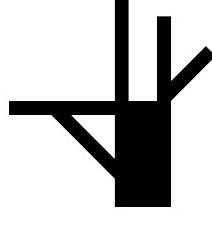
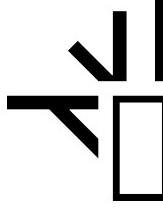
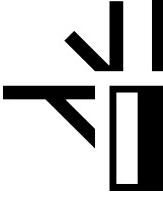
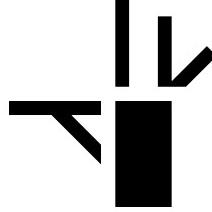
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Index Ring Baby on Angle

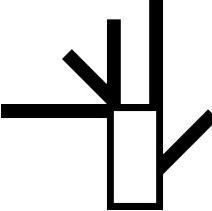
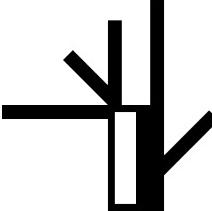
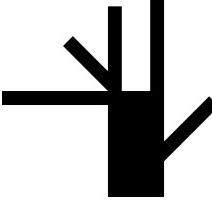
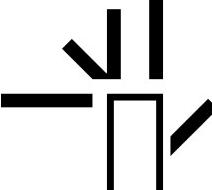
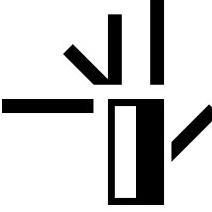
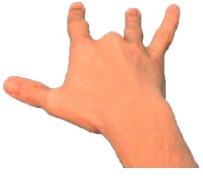
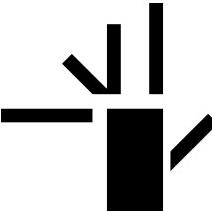
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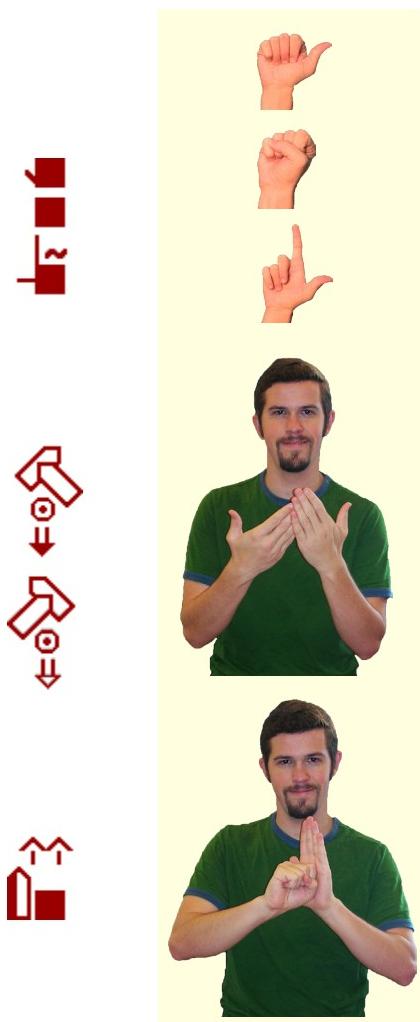
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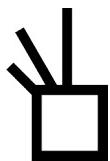
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Chapter 9



Group 9: Index Thumb

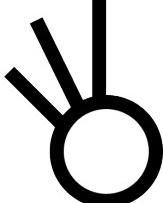
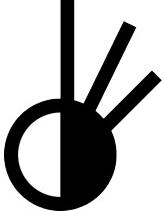
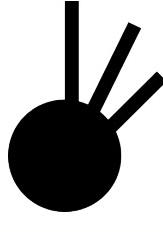
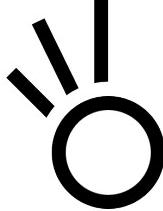
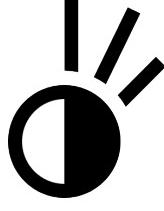
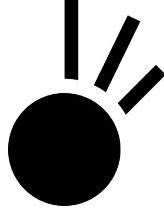
All Hands With Two Action Fingers:

Index Finger & Thumb



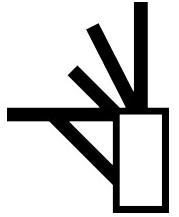
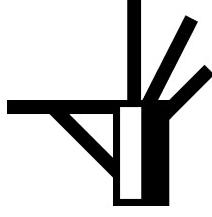
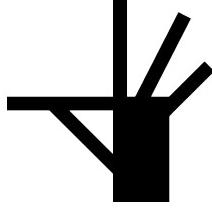
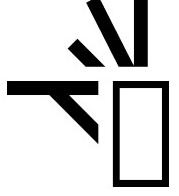
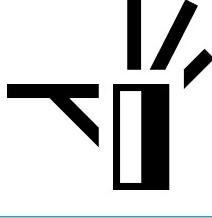
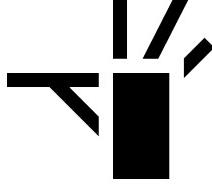
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Middle Ring Baby on Angle

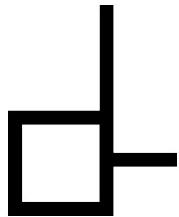
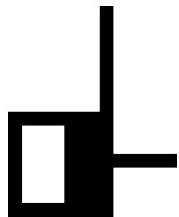
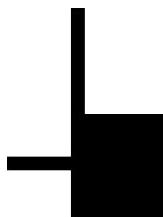
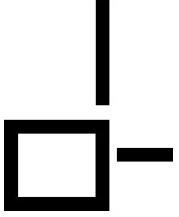
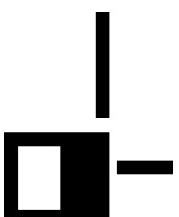
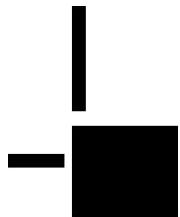
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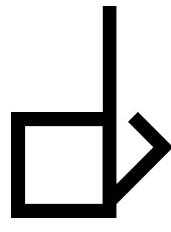
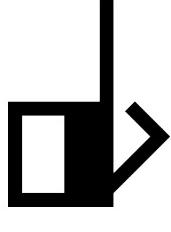
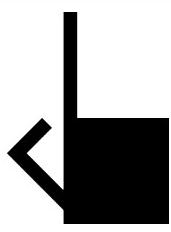
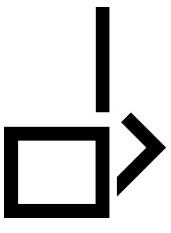
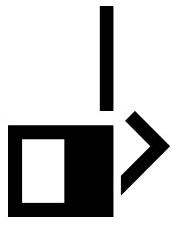
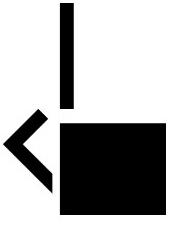
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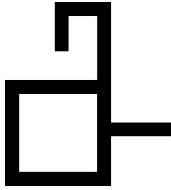
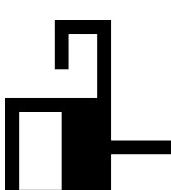
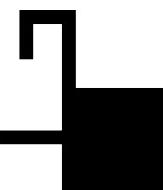
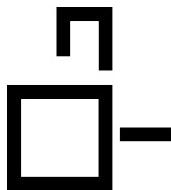
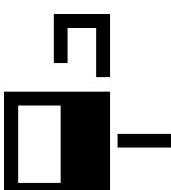
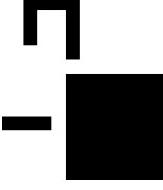
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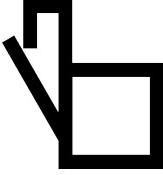
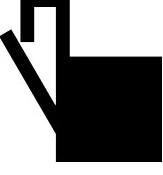
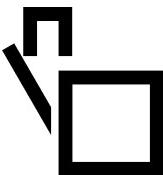
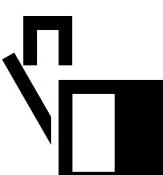
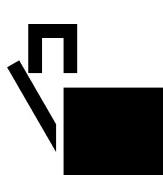
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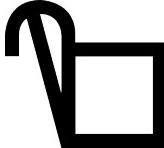
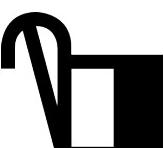
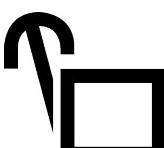
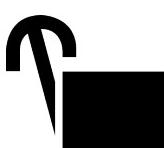
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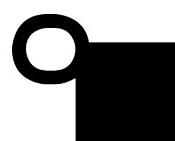
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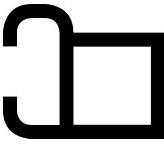
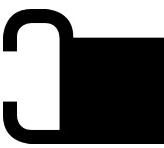
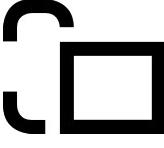
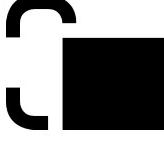
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Index Thumb Cup

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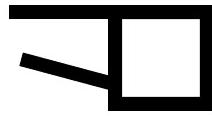
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Index Thumb Hinge

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Index Thumb Angle

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Chapter 10



Group 10: Thumb

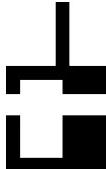
Tight Fists With One Action Finger:

The Thumb



Thumb

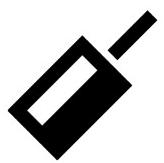
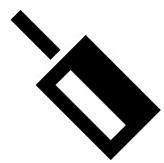
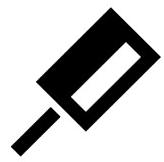
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Thumb Heel

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|  |  | Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Palm Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |



Thumb Side Diagonal

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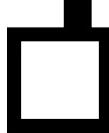
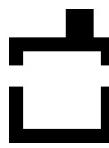
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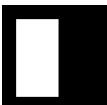
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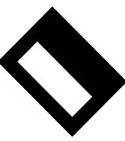
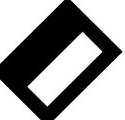
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Fist Heel

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|  |  | Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane |
|  |  | Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane |
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Chapter 11



Heel of Hand or Top View?

Fists and Flat Hands from Two Perspectives

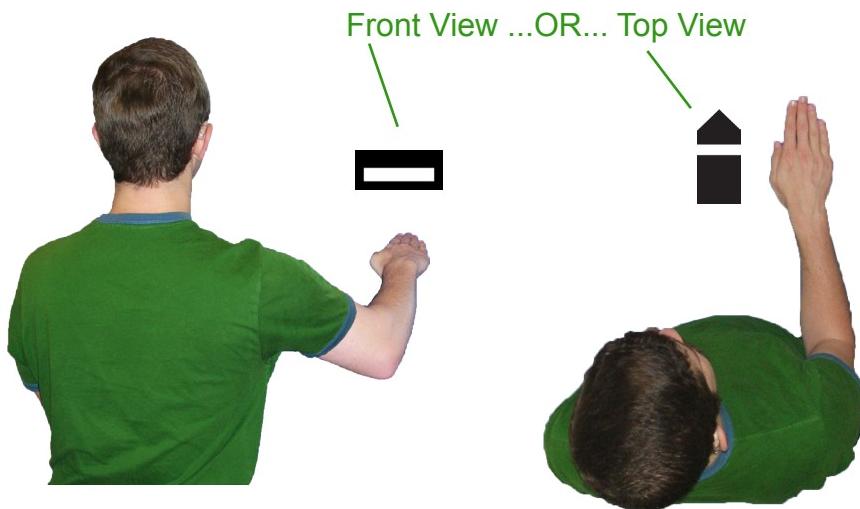
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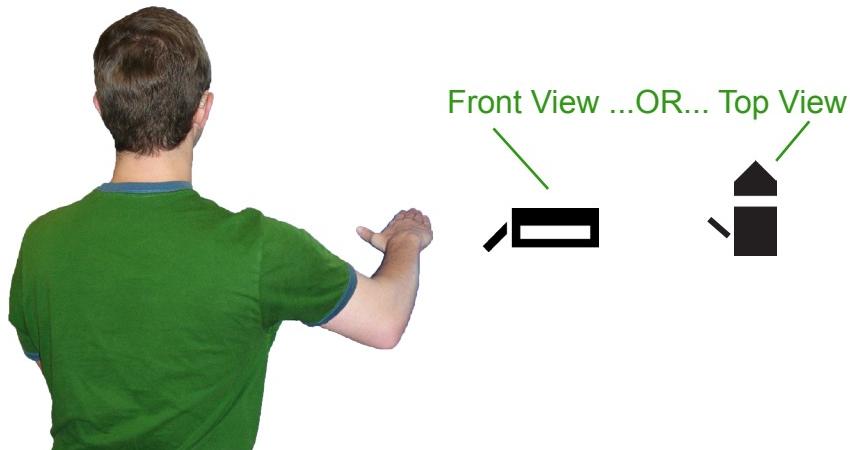
Heel of Hand or Top View?

Flat hands with the fingers pointing straight forward, with the arm parallel to the Floor Plane, can be written from the Front View with the Heel of Hand, or from the traditional Top View:

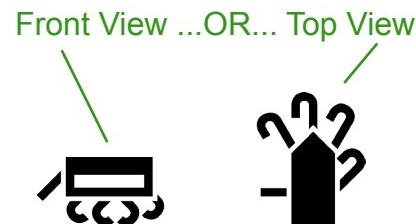
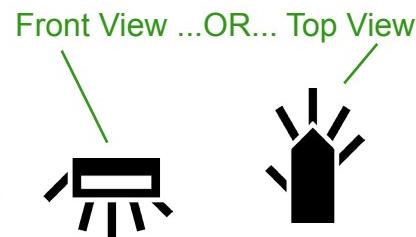
Two Ways to Write The Same Handshape
...use either symbol...



Two Ways to Write The Same Handshape
...use either symbol...



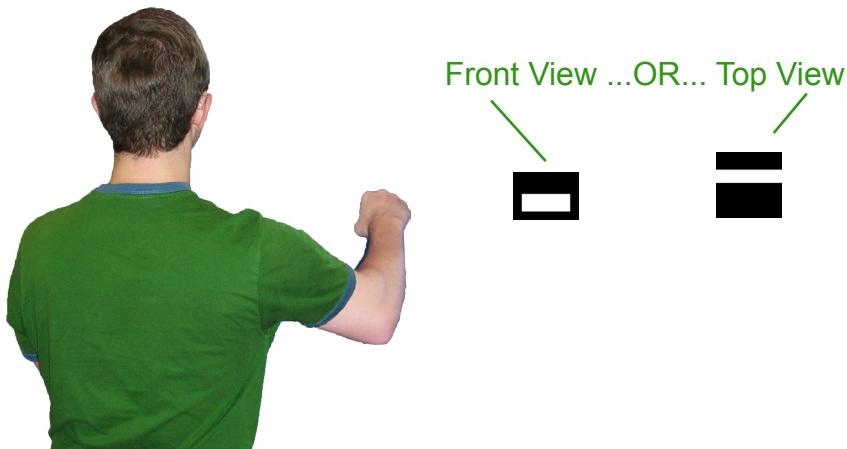
**Heel of Hand or Top View?
Use Either Symbol**



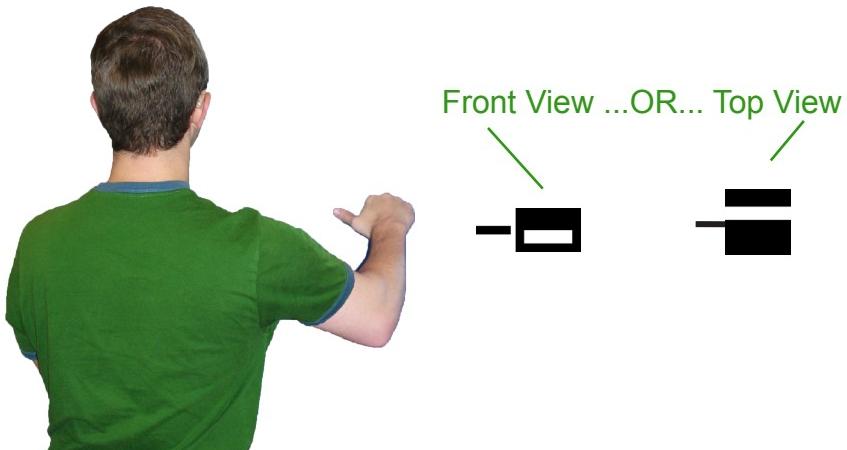
Heel of Hand or Top View?

Fists with the knuckles directed straight forward, with the arm parallel to the Floor Plane, can be written from the Front View with the Heel of Hand, or from the traditional Top View:

Two Ways to Write The Same Handshape
...use either symbol...

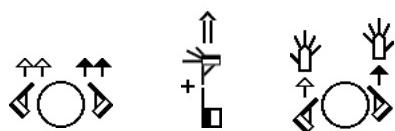


Two Ways to Write The Same Handshape
...use either symbol...





Chapter 12



Instruction & Exceptions

More Information About Hand Symbols

[Examples of Written Signs](#)



Two Ways to Write Thumb Towards Reader

The side view of the Thumb Hand (see page 272) can be written in two ways. The dot for the thumb projecting directly toward the reader is the official symbol of the ISWA 2010. But some writers choose to write a line for the thumb to the side, rather than the dot. The line for the thumb is always placed on the dark side of the symbol. Both methods mean the same thing and are correct:



both mean
thumb
projects
towards the
reader and
both
are correct

OR



Rootshapes

Like roots to a tree, Rootshapes provide the foundation for all hand symbols. Rootshapes are determined by the shape of the LOWEST finger in the handshape. For example, a square for a TIGHT Fist must have at least one finger touching the palm of the hand. A circle for an OPEN fist, has at least one finger close to the palm of the hand.



Rootshape 01: Tight Fist

Tight Fist: At least 1 finger touches palm



Rootshape 02: Fist Thumb Across

Tight Fist: At least 1 finger rests on top of thumb across palm



Rootshape 03: Circle

At least 1 fingertip touches thumbtip in a curve or...

At least 1 curved finger is close to palm of hand



Rootshape 04: Cup

At least 1 finger is curved at the Middle Joint & Tip Joint.
There is NO bend or curve at the Knuckle Joint.



Rootshape 05: Hinge

At least 1 finger bends at the Knuckle Joint, while
the Middle Joint and Tip Joint lock completely straight.



Rootshape 06: Angle

The Hinge, with fingertips and thumb tip touching



Rootshape 07: Flat Thumb Across

Thumb across palm, four fingers straight up with no bends

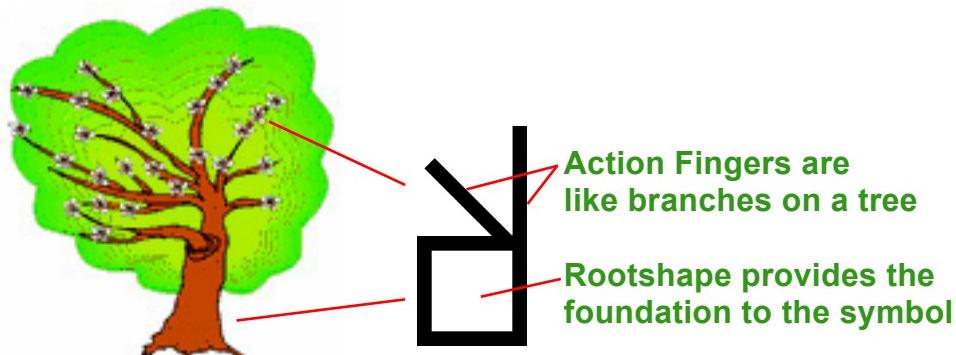


Rootshape 08: Flat

Five fingers straight up with no bends

Action Fingers

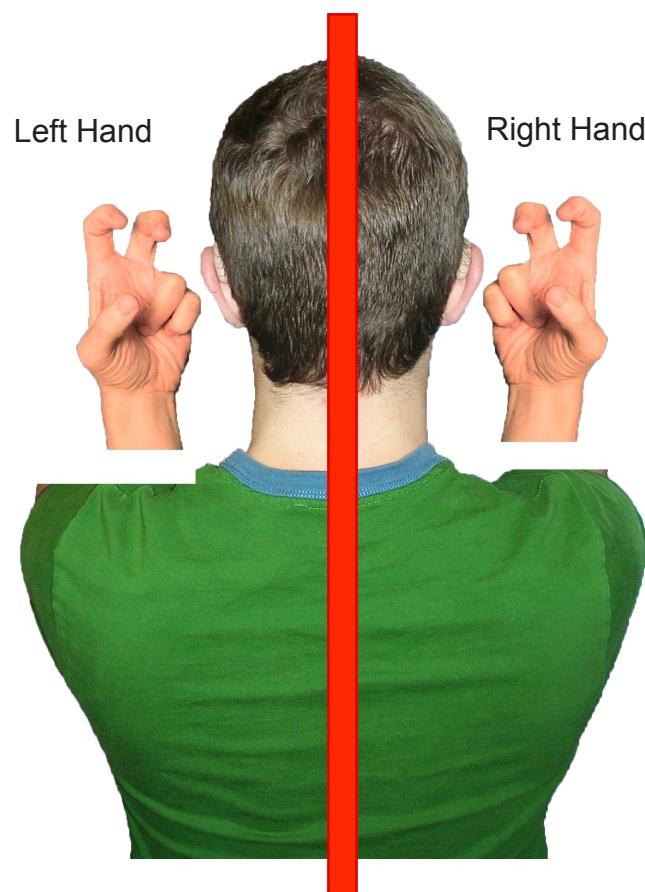
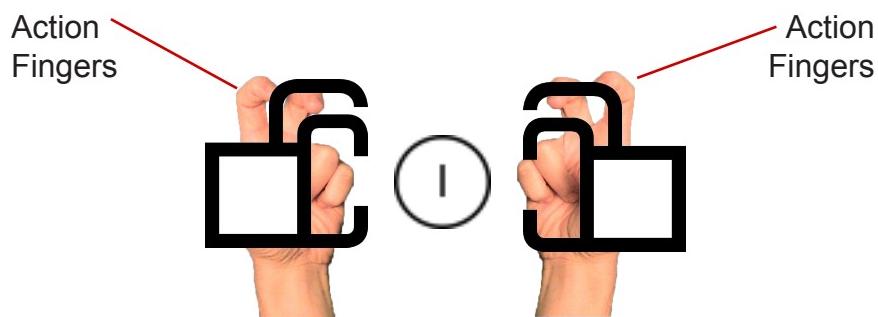
Once the Rootshape is established, the lines for the fingers are attached. The finger lines are called Action Fingers. They extend from the root of the hand like branches on a tree. Action Fingers are more important than the Rootshape, because they are looked at first, just as observers look at the branches of a tree first. Readers focus on Action Fingers first, since they give meaning to the handshape.



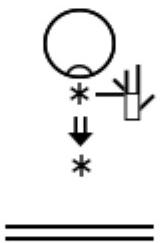
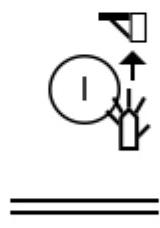
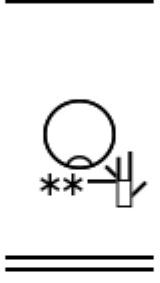
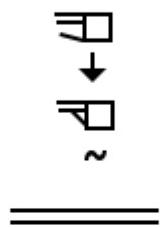
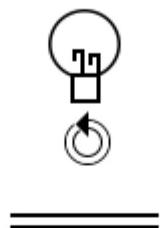
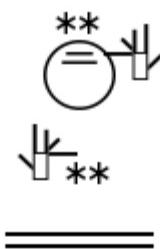
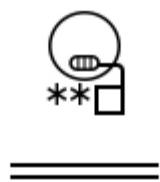
Action Fingers Directed Towards The Face & Body

Finger direction relates to the Center of the Body. Action Fingers that bend at the knuckle joint in Angle, Hinge, Cup or Curve hand positions direct the fingers into the Center of the Body. The white palm shows the palm is facing the body, with a slight hint that the palm is slightly turned toward the Center too.

Fingers Are Directed Toward the Center
...when the palm is facing the body...



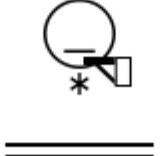
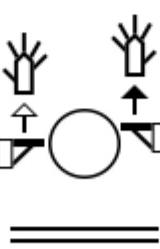
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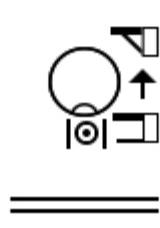
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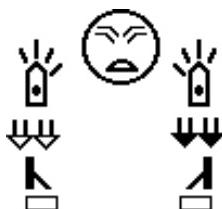


Action Fingers Directed Up

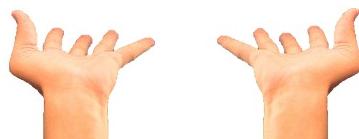
Angle Hand Symbols

Point the tip of the angled fingers in meaningful directions.

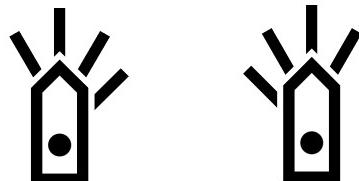
When writing Angle Hands, write the direction of the fingers based on what "feels correct" for the meaning of the sign. Then look at your palm. Where is the palm facing? If the palm is facing the ceiling, then it is parallel to the floor. It will be white with a space at the knuckle joint.



ASL
sign for
WET,
or SOFT



See
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for
Five Fingers
Spread
with
Thumb
Forward



Finger
Direction
Is Up



See
page 151
for
Angle
Handshape



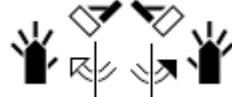
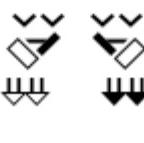
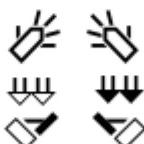
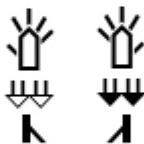
This sign can be found in: Cat in the Hat in ASL, page 1
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Some
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grow
soft
soft
soft
give to you
lose
money
poor
waste
gay
dissolve
twelve

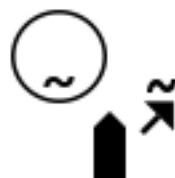


Action Fingers Directed Out Away From The Body

This is very rare. If the majority of Action Fingers are directed to the outside, away from the Center of the Body, as in the sign for FAIRY GODMOTHER in ASL, then it is written pointing out.



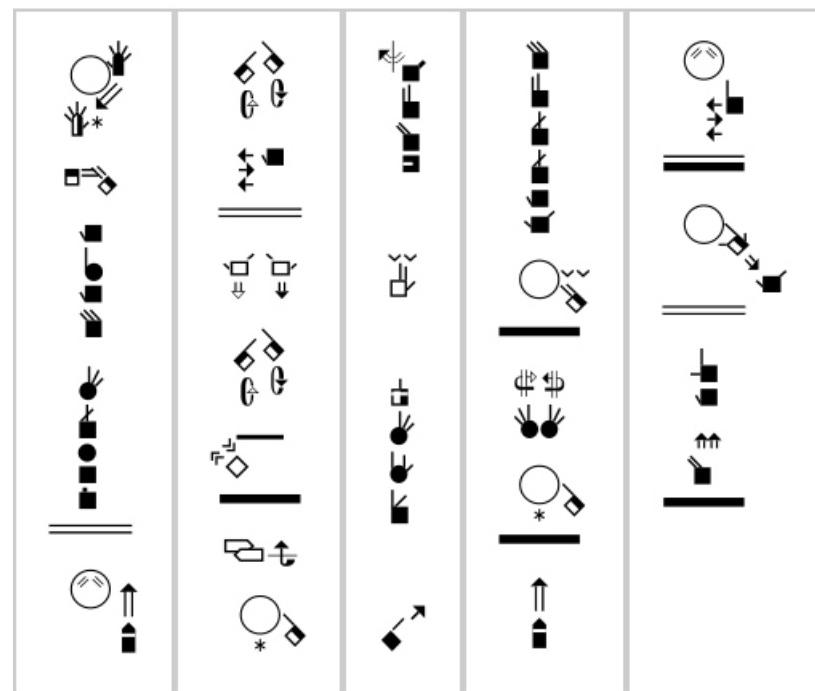
Action Fingers
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To The Outside
in the Sign for
Fairy Godmother



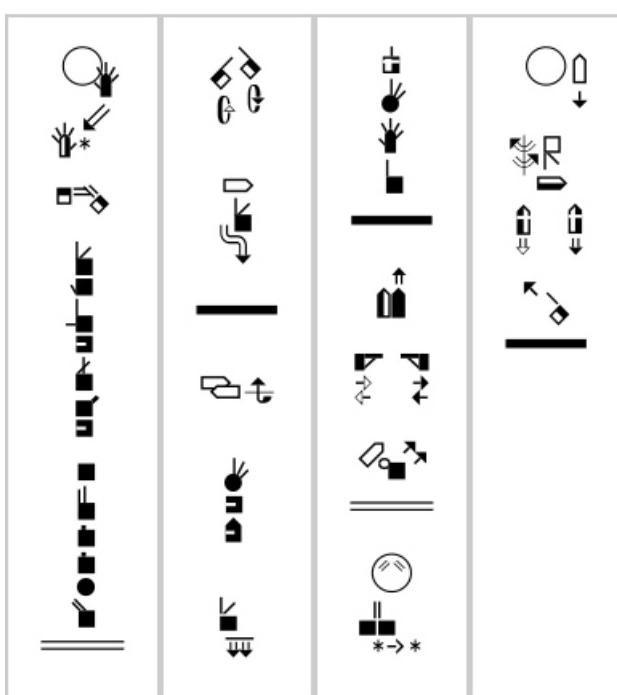
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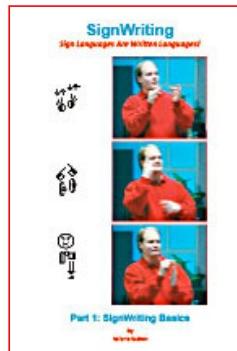


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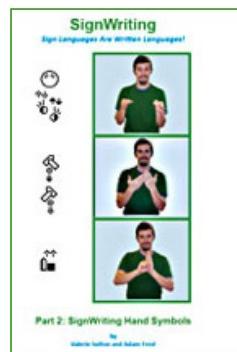
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